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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR IMPARTING GROUTED EDGE APPEARANCE TO FLOOR COVERINGS MODULES DURING INSTALLATION (Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto

was filed on January 22, 2001 as U. S. Application Serial Number 09/766,754

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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